AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 5, to read as follows:

Referring now to FIGURE 3A, an illustrative data structure for a session cookie 302 utilized in an actual embodiment of the present invention will be described. The session cookie 302 is formed by concatenating the length of the length of a secret 304, the length of a secret 306, a secret 308, and encrypted and encoded server configuration data 310. The secret 308 may comprise a user password, a user e-mail address, or other type of pre-selected information. The length of the secret ~~206~~ 306 describes the number of bytes necessary to represent the secret ~~206~~ 308. The length of the length of the secret 304 describes the number of bytes necessary to describe the length of the secret 306. The format of the encoded configuration data 310 is described below with respect to FIGURES 4 and 5. Those skilled in the art should appreciate that bits, words, or other quantities for expressing data length may be used to describe the length of the secret 306 and the length of the length of the secret 304.

An amended Abstract of the Disclosure showing the changes made is appended hereto as a separate page. No new matter has been added.

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